

**Community Development Committee
Regular Meeting
April 23, 2004 - 8:30 a.m.
Tribal Office Conference Room A**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call-

Committee Chairperson Ann Marie Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. Those present: Bernard Vigue, Twila Peters, Pat Corn, Dave Grignon, Jim Horton and Susan Waukau. Dave Corn was absent (excused). Also present for the meeting; Brett Pecore and Patricia Tourtillott.

2. Moment of Silence - A moment of silence was observed.

3. Review Minutes Dated March 19, 2004-

Motion made by Bernard Vigue to approve the minutes dated March 19, 2004. Motion was seconded by Dave Grignon. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.

4. Goals and Objectives-

Committee went into lengthy discussion regarding the goals and objectives. Committee discussed the monthly reports and questioned why it's the committee's job to review the reports. Committee feels it's the job of Finance and Administration to monitor the reports and address budgetary issues. Committee members also feel that they don't know enough about all the different budgets, grants and funding sources of other committee members programs. For example, a committee member in Community Development might not understand the budget process of the committee member from Housing. Committee feels that if they have to review the reports, it should be done on a quarterly basis with the director giving a brief overview of where the department is at.

Committee would like Economic Development separated from Community Development and that there should be an Economic Development Committee. If there was an Economic Development Committee all the business proposals could go through them.

Committee would like each department to bring their own policies and procedures.

Committee members came up with five (5) possible goals and objectives;

1. Establishing an Economic Development Committee
2. Building Codes
3. Cemetery
4. Transportation Concerns
5. Service to Community Needs

The issue will be discussed at the next meeting.

5. Clifford Madosh Land Issue-

This issue was brought before the committee in January but no action was taken and it couldn't be sent to the Legislature. Bernie stated that Clifford Madosh owns 5.07 acres of land by Camp 15 but built on the land next to his which is tribal land. Clifford has tentatively agreed to swap his land for the tribal land. Clifford would also like the land put into trust.

Motion made by Susan Waukau to recommend that the Menominee Tribal Legislature evenly swap the Clifford Madosh property with the proposed Tribal property with the land going into trust and that the expense goes to Clifford Madosh subject to the standard process of putting land into trust. Motion was seconded by Dave Grignon. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye,

4-for, 1-opposed, 2-abstentions (Bernard Vigue and Jim Horton). Motion carried.

6. Brett Pecore Trailer Issue-

Brett Pecore was present and explained to the committee that currently he lives in a trailer in Middle Village and wants to replace the trailer. The policy states that a trailer will be denied if it's over five years old. Brett explained that the trailer he just purchased is in a lot better shape than the one he lives in now. Rick Warrington did an inspection and didn't find anything major wrong with the trailer.

Motion made by Susan Waukau to allow Brett Pecore a variance to remove the old trailer and put the 1989 Marshfield model trailer in based on the recommendation from Rick Warrington. Motion was seconded by Jim Horton. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bernie Vigue to suspend the agenda and go to number 19-other business. Motion was seconded by Susan Waukau. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.

19. Other Business-

Patricia Tourtillott was present to try and resolve a land issue. Bernie stated that back 1998 the tribe agreed to take over the Tourtillott property and put it into trust. The back taxes in the amount of \$3300.63 were paid but nothing was ever done with it. Right now there is \$2,033.98 due in back taxes and a threat to foreclose.

Committee feels that it is the departments fault for not following through with the land into trust procedure and it is the responsibility of the department to pay the taxes. Bernie stated that he will find the money in the budget somewhere to pay.

Bernie also informed the committee that there may be a few more land issues that were not followed through with.

It was the consensus of the committee that the Tourtillott land issue be taken care administratively.

Motion made by Bernie Vigue to go back to #7. Motion was seconded by Pat Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.

7. Utilities Money Market Transfer-

Dave Corn was not present for the meeting but the committee went over the policy and discussed the purpose of it. The purpose of the policy is to a way of accessing funds when the Tribe isn't open. There are many times when there are emergencies such as water main breaks on the weekends, holidays or middle of the night. Right now if something goes wrong things have to be paid after the fact.

Motion made by Jim Horton to approve the procedures for money market transfers as presented. Motion was seconded by Bernard Vigue. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.

8. Recreational Lease/Emergency Criteria-

Committee went in a very lengthy discussion regarding the recreational leases. Committee wanted to know if Bernie had a policy regarding recreational lots and Bernie stated that he didn't because it's all defined in the legislative motions that were past last year. The motions are;

February 6, 2003 -

I move to concur with the recommendation of the Community Development Committee of

January 17, 2003 to recommend that the deadline date be set for October 31st of every year to pay for recreational lots; if the lots are not paid by October 31st there is an extension until November 30, and if paid between October 31 and November 30 they must pay an assessment penalty (double the fee of the lot); if the amount is not paid by November 30 there are no appeals.

Motion was made by Gene Caldwell. No second necessary. Results: 3-for, 1-opposed (Gary Besaw), 1abstention (Joan Delabreau) and 2 absent (Myron Pyawasit, Sylvia Wilber).

April 7, 2003 -

I move to concur with the recommendation of the Community Development Committee of March 21, 2003 to recommend to the Menominee Tribal Legislature that the Recreational Lake Lot fees be raised by 50%, effective October 2003.

Motion was made by Laurie Boivin. No second necessary. Results: 4-for, 2-opposed (Gary Besaw and Laurie Reiter), 0-abstentions and 2 absent (Michael Chapman and Myron Pyawasit).

Chairperson Johnson stated that the Legislature would like the policy to include lenience for those who have relatives that pass away.

Committee members all had opinions on the subject and some don't think a handful of people should get away with paying for their lots late and after the deadline when everyone else has to pay on time. Some committee members feel it isn't fair especially when there are near 200 people on the list that are waiting for a recreational lot.

After a long debate committee members made the following motion;

Motion made by Bernard Vigue to recommend to the Menominee Tribal Legislature that Recreational Lot Lease holders be given 15 days if t here is a death in the family in November and all applicable fees and penalties apply. Note: Family is defined as it is in the Personnel Policy & Procedures. Motion was seconded by Pat Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.

9. **Cemetery-**

No discussion, no action taken. Item will be on the next agenda.

10. **Imminent Threat Grant Application-**

No discussion, no action taken. Item will be on the next agenda.

11. **Timber Harvest-**

No discussion, no action taken. Item will be on the next agenda.

12. **Trust Status Process-**

No discussion, no action taken. Item will be on the next agenda.

13. **Jr. Achievement Program Concerns-**

No discussion, no action taken. Item will be on the next agenda.

14. **Building Codes-**

No discussion, no action taken. Item will be on the next agenda.

15. **Courthouse Construction Update/Rick Warrington-**

Bernie Vigue stated that this issue was just for the committee's information and will continue to be on the agenda until the project is complete.

16. **C-Store Update-**

No discussion, no action taken. Item will be on the next agenda.

17. **Veteran's Request-**

A request came in to Chairperson Delabreau's office from Warren Wilber requesting permission to use the Woodland Bowl for the Annual Veteran's Pow-Wow May 14-16, 2004.

Motion made by Jim Horton to recommend to the Menominee Tribal Legislature the approval of the use of the Woodland Bowl on May 14, 15, 16, 2004 for the Gathering of Warriors Pow-Wow with use of all facilities. Motion was seconded by Bernard Vigue. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.

18. **Monthly Reports-**

No discussion, no action taken.

19. **Other Business-**

Already taken care of at the beginning of the meeting.

20. **Adjournment-**

Motion made by Bernard Vigue to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Pat Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Legislative Staff Services